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MEMORANDUM FOR
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Covert Procurement Procedures

On June 2, 1979, I approved the procedures relating to the procurement by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Office of the DCI of goods and services from private companies or institutions in the United States without disclosure of CIA sponsorship to appropriate officials of the company or institution, in accordance with subsection 2-303 of Executive Order 12036. These procedures will become effective on July 2, 1979.

I believe that it would be useful to review the implementation of these procedures within a year from their effective date. There is one point in particular which I believe should be given special attention in this review. Paragraph 6 of the procedures allows the DCI to approve categories of covert procurement. It delegates to his subordinates his authority to approve particular operations within a category. The CIA General Counsel will, under the procedures, review only decisions to add new categories. I believe that after the procedures have operated for a year, we should consider whether there is a need to amend the procedures to add a provision for an internal inspection and review of the case-by-case decisions made by the DCI's subordinates, perhaps by providing for an annual review by the CIA General Counsel of these case-by-case decisions in addition to his review of the general categories of covert procurement.

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